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ALERT MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM FOR: The National Security Council

SUBJECT: Marxist Threat to Somoza in Nicaragua [REDACTED]

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The Marxist-led Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) is waging an active guerrilla warfare campaign against the regime of Anastasio Somoza with logistical support from Cuba and Panama. The National Guard has been stretched thin by FSLN attacks and ambushes in outlying cities and the capital city of Managua. Although Somoza may be able to hold on to power for a short time, the economy is at a standstill and the FSLN is steadily gaining strength and popularity. The possibility of an eventual FSLN victory looms large. [REDACTED]

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